



**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS  
MINUTES (DRAFT)  
6:30PM**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, March 14, 2012,**

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at City Hall, 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Executive Session, Room #1027, Austin, Texas.

**Members in Attendance**

Laura Hernandez, Vice Chair  
Donald Krupens  
Sunny Ogunro  
James Kuhr  
Miguel Ancira

**Members Absent**

Tom Esparza, Chair  
Syed Rahman

**Presenters:**

Chief Art Acevedo, APD

**Staff**

Joe Barnes, HHSD

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Hernandez, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION:** None
3. **PRESENTATION:** Chief Acevedo made brief presentation in regard to the "Secure Communities" program. The gist of his thoughts was that Secure Communities was worthwhile and could be improved if the process was amended to prioritize deportation of those who are "really" a threat to the community.
4. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the regular meeting on February 8, 2012 were approved with two corrections on a 4-0 vote.
5. **JOINT RESOLUTION TO REMOVE IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT FROM TRAVIS COUNTY JAIL. Draft approved 4-0-1 abstention). Also gave notice of joint meeting with Human rights Commission March 26, 2012, City Hall, 5pm.**
6. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **MOTION TO ADD PREDATORY BANKING PRACTICES IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES TO NEXT MONTH'S AGENDA. Passed on vote of 5-0 Motion to add Predatory Banking Practices to next month agenda.**

**B. E-MAIL MOTION TO ADD “MAKE AUSTIN A MORE WELCOMING, HOSPITABLE CITY FOR INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTS” TO APRIL AGENDA. Motion seconded.**

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Emergency Contact Card for Residents with limited English proficiency.**

Commissioner Hernandez presented the finalized cards. The Commission discussed a strategy for rolling out the cards, should approval be received from the Health and Human Services Department for printing. The plan is to present to the Human Right’s Commission, the Public Safety Commission and having a press conference.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. without objection.